

Executive Summary

R657-52. Commercial Harvesting of Brine Shrimp and Brine Shrimp Eggs.

This rule: 1) establishes the procedures, standards and requirements for commercially harvesting brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs.

The proposed revisions to this rule: 1) allow small quantities of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs to be collected for personal use (for example, kids on a field trip), 2) only modify Section 3, Certificate of Registration Required, and 3) are being done in conjunction with revisions to R657-03.

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

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R657-52-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-3, 23-14-18, 23-14-19, Sections 23-15-7 through 23-15-9, and 23-19-1(2), this rule provides the procedures, standards, and requirements for commercially harvesting brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs.

(2) The objective of this rule is to protect, manage, and conserve the brine shrimp resource based upon the best available data and information and adequately preserve the Great Salt Lake ecosystem while recognizing the economic value of allowing the harvest of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs and maintaining a sustainable brine shrimp population.

R657-52-3. Certificate of Registration Required.

(1)(a) A person may not harvest, possess, or transport brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs without first obtaining a certificate of registration and a helper card for each individual assisting that person.

(2)(a) The division may issue a certificate of registration authorizing a person to harvest brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs.

(b) A separate certificate of registration and the corresponding certificate of registration marker is required for each harvest location.

(c) The original copy of the certificate of registration must be present at the harvest location while harvesting brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs.

(3) A certificate of registration under this rule is not required:

(a) to harvest 200 pounds or less of brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs, during a single calendar year, for culturing ornamental fish, provided the brine shrimp eggs are not sold, bartered, or traded;

(i) a certificate of registration is required, however, under Rule R657-3 for the activities described in Subsection (a);

(b) for the retail sale of brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs imported into Utah, provided the product is clearly labeled as to its out-of-state origin;

(c) to process lawfully acquired brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs; ~~or~~

(d) to sell brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs, provided the brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs were taken in accordance with the provisions of this rule by a person who has obtained a certificate of registration or as provided in rule R657-3; or

(e) to collect, transport or possess brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs for personal use, provided:

(i) the brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs are collected, transported and possessed together with water in a container no larger than one gallon;

(ii) no more than a one gallon container of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs, including water, is collected during any consecutive seven day period; and

(iii) the brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs are not released live into the Great Salt Lake, Sevier River or any of their tributary waters.

(4) Certificates of registration are not transferable, except as provided in Section R657-52-7.

(5) Any certificate of registration issued to a business or any other commercial organization shall be void upon the termination of the business or organization or upon bankruptcy.

(6) Certificates of registration that may become available for issuance through revocation, expiration, nonrenewal, or surrender may either be retired by the division or reallocated to eligible persons and entities through random drawings conducted at the Division of Wildlife Resources, Salt Lake City office.

(7) All persons or entities applying for a certificate of registration to harvest brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs made available for issuance through Subsection (6) shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) submit a certificate of registration application to the wildlife registration office consistent with the requirements set forth in R657-52-5; and

(b) submit a cashiers check to the division in the established fee amount for each certificate of registration applied for.

(8)(a) The issuance of a certificate of registration automatically incorporates within its terms the conditions and requirements of this rule specifically governing the activity for which the certificate of registration is issued.

(b) Any person accepting a certificate of registration under this rule acknowledges the necessity for close regulation and monitoring by the division.

(9) Any certificate of registration issued or renewed by the division under this rule to harvest brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs is a privilege and not a right. The certificate of registration authorizes the holder to harvest brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs subject to all present and future conditions, restrictions, and regulations imposed on such activities by the division, the Wildlife Board, the state of Utah, or the United States.

(10) A certificate of registration to harvest brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs does not guarantee or otherwise legally entitle the holder to any of the following:

(a) a minimum harvest quota in any given season or seasons;

(b) a quota or percentage of the harvestable surplus as determined by the division;

(c) a particular harvesting or processing method;

(d) a particular harvest season duration, commencement date, or termination date; (e) access to any particular area or site on the Great Salt Lake or on other waters in the state, regardless of historical authorization or use;

(f) marina access on the Great Salt Lake or elsewhere in the state, regardless of historical authorization or use;

(g) an increase, stabilization, or reduction in the number of certificates of registration issued by the division to harvest brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs;

(h) an exclusive opportunity to harvest;

(i) a particular quantity or quality of brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs;

(j) a particular water condition or salinity level conducive to brine shrimp production, brine shrimp egg production, or harvest success;

(k) any particular level of protection for brine shrimp or brine shrimp eggs from disease, pesticides, or predators; or

(l) any other right or management philosophy beneficial to harvesting or production of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs.

(11) The procedures and processes outlined in this rule regulating the harvest of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs are all subject to change as the division and the Wildlife Board gather greater information and data on the impact current harvest regulations have on the sustainability of brine shrimp populations, the Great Salt Lake ecosystem, and the economic viability of the industry.

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